



Transition Center

Reengaging With The Future



Purpose

The Transition Center's sole purpose is to reengage disconnected youth with educational opportunities. Historically, if students are not reengaged immediately upon request, they are discouraged and they disengage for even longer periods of time. The Transition Center will provide students with academic assessments, credit evaluation, credit recovery, and identification of a "best-fit" education placement.

Student Profile

High school students who are:

- Seeking reengagement;
- Not currently enrolled in or attending a school/program;
- Unable to reengage in education due to program capacity limitations and/or insufficient time remaining in term/semester to complete coursework.

Length of Enrollment

The goal of the Transition Center is to reengage students in a permanent educational environment as soon as possible. Students will remain only until a "best-fit" is identified and available. Therefore, participation in the Transition Center will always be less than one semester.

Location and Hours

The Transition Center is located in room C-102 in the north wing of Benson High School. Students will attend Monday through Thursday, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 10:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Enrollment Process

- A student who desires to reengage, and a placement is unavailable, will be referred to PPS Direction Services, 503-916-2000 ext. 1154.
- Direction Services will determine available resources and/or connect student with the Transition Center.
- If referred to the Transition Center, the Transition Specialist will meet with the student and develop an immediate enrollment plan with the student/family.
- See reverse side for detailed chart.

Program Components

- Academic Assessment through Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
- Credit/Transcript Evaluation
- Student/Family interview
- Development of Short-Term Education Plan (STEP)
- Review of Programs/Schools
- Credit Recovery through on-line courses with teacher support
- Personalized transition to "best-fit" educational placement
- Follow-up for one semester

Contact Information

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